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Mr. Ronald Frehner  
Project Coordinator - ACS NPL Site  
Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
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RE: Clarification of Partial  
Approval of Perimeter  
Groundwater Containment System  
Design;  
American Chemical Service,  
Inc., Griffith, Indiana

Dear Mr. Frehner:

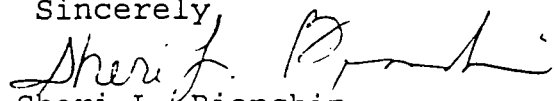
This letter serves to clarify the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) correspondence of April 4, 1996, partially approving the Perimeter Groundwater Containment System (PGCS) design at the American Chemical Service, Inc., National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund Site located in Griffith, Indiana (ACS Site).

U.S. EPA agreed to Respondents moving forward with the design-build approach and in ordering the necessary components of the PGCS. U.S. EPA hereby clarifies that Respondents can commence construction of the PGCS. Construction of the PGCS must be completed by December 31, 1996. Once again, U.S. EPA comments to the 50% PGCS design plan are forthcoming.

Also, as you are aware, adequate notification must be given to the U.S. EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) as to the initiation of remedial action field work so that the appropriate oversight personnel may be on-site to observe the activities. Furthermore, notification to U.S. EPA and IDEM of planned field activities shall continue on a weekly basis.

If you have any questions, or require clarification, you may reach me at (312) 886-4745.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sheri L. Bianchin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "S" and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sheri L. Bianchin,  
Remedial Project Manager  
Superfund Division  
Remedial Response Section #3

cc:

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